

## CLAIMS

1. A method of at least partially reestablishing a fire rating of a barrier that has been compromised with one or more electrical boxes introduced into the barrier, comprising:

- 5       a) providing a gasket comprising fire retardant material;
- b) placing the fire retardant gasket between a faceplate and an electrical box adapted to be introduced into the barrier; and
- c) coupling the faceplate to the box.

10       2. The method of claim 1, wherein the fire retardant material comprises intumescent material.

         3. The method of claim 1, wherein the fire retardant material comprises fire resistant insulative material.

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         4. The method of claim 1, wherein the electrical box is installed in the barrier and further comprising coupling the gasket *in situ* between the faceplate and the installed box.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein providing the gasket comprises forming the gasket as a separate element prior to placing the gasket between the faceplate and the box.

5 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising forming the gasket on one or more surfaces of the faceplate prior to coupling the faceplate to the box.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the gasket is formed by establishing a coating of the fire retardant material onto the faceplate.

8. A method of at least partially reestablishing a fire rating of a barrier that has been compromised with one or more electrical boxes introduced into the  
10 barrier, comprising:

- a) providing a gasket comprising intumescent material;
- b) placing the intumescent gasket between a faceplate and an electrical box adapted to be introduced into the barrier; and
- c) coupling the faceplate to the box.

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9. An apparatus for at least partially reestablishing a fire rating of a barrier that has been compromised with one or more electrical boxes introduced into the barrier, comprising a fire retardant material formed into a gasket that is adapted to be placed between a faceplate and an electrical box before the faceplate is  
20 attached to the electrical box.

10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the electrical box is installed in the barrier and wherein the gasket is adapted to be placed *in situ* between the faceplate and the installed box.

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11. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the fire retardant material comprises intumescent material.

12. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the gasket is formed as an independent element prior to placing the gasket between the faceplate and the box.

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13. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the gasket is formed on one or more surfaces of the faceplate prior to being placed between the faceplate and the electrical box.

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14. An apparatus for at least partially reestablishing a fire rating of a barrier that has been compromised with one or more electrical boxes introduced into the barrier, comprising an intumescent material formed into a gasket that is adapted to be placed between a faceplate and an electrical box before the faceplate is attached to the electrical box.

15. A system of at least partially reestablishing a fire rating of a barrier, comprising:

- a) a gasket formed of fire retardant material; and
- b) a faceplate adapted to be attached to an electrical box with the gasket coupled therebetween.

5 16. The system of claim 15, further comprising the electrical box that is adapted to be attached with the faceplate.

17. The system of claim 16, further comprising a barrier into which the electrical box can be mounted.

18. The system of claim 15, wherein the gasket is formed as a separate element prior to being placed between the faceplate and the electrical box.

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19. The system of claim 15, wherein the gasket is formed on one or more surfaces of the faceplate prior to being placed between the faceplate and the box.

20. The system of claim 15, wherein the gasket is attached to the faceplate.

21. The system of claim 15, wherein the fire retardant material is established onto the faceplate to form the gasket.

22. A system of at least partially reestablishing a fire rating of a barrier,  
15 comprising:

- a) a gasket formed of intumescent material; and
- b) a faceplate adapted to be attached to an electrical box with the gasket coupled therebetween.

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